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SUBJECT: KENYA-ISRAEL RELATIONS

1. WHEN QUESTION OF GOK'S RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL CAME UP DURING OCTOBER 25 DISCUSSION WITH A.O. ADEDE, HEAD OF MOFA LEGAL DIVISION, ADEDE SAID HE FELT PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S OCTOBER), SPEECH HAD QTE TIED FOREIGN OFFICE'S HANDS UNQTE.

2. COMMENT: ADEDE WAS REFERRING TO SWAHILI PORTION OF PRESIDENT'S KENYATTA DAY SPEECH, IN WHICH HE SAID, WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO MIDDLE EAST, THAT HE WOULD NOT DRAG KENYA INTO CONFLICTS OF OTHER PEOPLE. PRESIDENT ADDED KENYA WOULD REMAIN FRIENDS OF ALL IN WORLD AND ENEMIES OF NONE. KENYA'S ONLY ENEMY WOULD BE THE ONE WHO MIGHT DARE TO PLAY ABOUT WITH ITS HARD-EARNED INDEPENDENCE.

3. WHEN EMBOFF POINTED OUT SPEECH HAD BEEN GIVEN BEFORE
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ETHIOPIA BROKE RELATION WITH ISRAEL, ADEDE AGREED, BUT

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ADDED THAT WHILE HIM AND KENYATTA CLOSE, IT WOULD BE
UNLIKE HIM TO PRESSURE KENYA TO FOLLOW SUIT. AS THINGS
NOW STAND, KENYA WOULD BREAK RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL ONLY
IF KENYATTA CHANGED HIS MIND. ADEDE FELT THIS UNLIKELY
AT MOMENT.

4. COMMENT: UNDOUBTEDLY SOME IN FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD
LIKE GOK TO JOIN GROWING LIST OF AFRICAN ENATES
BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. NIGERIA'S BREAK, ANNOUNCED
EVENING OCT. 25, WILL ADD NEW PRESSURES. NEVERTHELESS,
KENYATTA, WHO HAS LONG RESPECTED ISRAELIS, MAY CONTINUE
TO HOLD OUT.
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